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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary of the Commission  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report (WT Docket No. 01-309)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

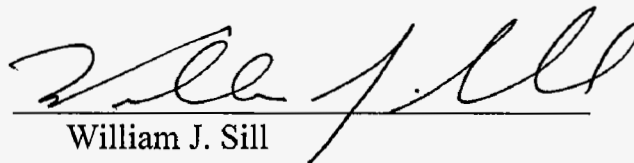
Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*,<sup>1</sup> attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Lone Star Wireless, Inc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that you may have at (202) 783-4141.

Sincerely,

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By:



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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, *Report and Order*, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

## HEARING AID-COMPATIBILITY STATUS REPORT

November 17, 2005

Lone Star Wireless, Inc.

Licensee of:

WPZL387 BTA400 Block F;  
WQAM548 BTA027 Block E;  
WQAM548 BTA057 Block E;  
WQAM550 BTA441 Block E;  
WQAM551 BTA400 Block E;  
WQAM552 BTA401 Block E;  
WQAM553 MTA007 Block B;  
WQBG689 BTA400 Block F;  
WPXX267 BTA057 Block C;

*and*

KNKQ428 TEXAS-15 RSA Block A<sup>1</sup>

The instant Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report is filed on behalf of Lone Star Wireless, Inc. ("Lone Star"), as required by the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*.<sup>2</sup> This report is being submitted on behalf of Lone Star in order to provide the Commission with the current status of Lone Star's efforts and progress toward compliance with the Commission's hearing aid-compatibility requirements. In preparing the instant Report, Lone Star followed the guidelines the Commission set forth in its *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*.<sup>3</sup>

### **Licensee Name and Contact Information:**

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<sup>1</sup> KNKQ428 is an analog cellular system. In October 2005, the TDMA roaming service was phased-out. KNKQ428 recently was assigned to Lone Star from its affiliate, Concho Cellular Telephone Co.

<sup>2</sup> Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, *Report and Order*, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 89.

**Licensee's Relationship to Equipment Manufacturers:**

Lone Star is a small carrier that currently provides only roaming service on its 1900 MHz GSM PCS service. Further, Lone Star does not presently have any subscribers of its own and does not offer handsets.

**Licensees Hearing Aid-Compatibility Efforts to Date:**

Lone Star has kept abreast, as best it can, of vendors' hearing aid-compatible handset offerings. Lone Star has contacted several of the above mentioned third party vendors and equipment manufacturers and requested the latest information related to the status of these plans to provide hearing aid-compatible handsets.

**Phone Models which Manufacturers State are Hearing Aid-Compatibility Compliant ('HAC'):**

Lone Star presently operates on a PCS GSM based system. Lone Star provides GSM service only to roamers on its system and Lone Star does not sell GSM handsets. Lone Star intends on implementing CDMA service during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2006. Upon launch, Lone Star will ensure that at least two of the new CDMA handsets will be hearing aid-compatible.

**Phone Models that Manufacturers State are Compatible with Hearing Aids:**

As noted, Lone Star does not presently offer handsets for sale. Lone Star will defer to manufacturers and carriers presently offering handsets.

**Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:**

Lone Star does not offer handsets for sale. Upon provision of CDMA service to its subscribers, Lone Star will offer at least two compliant handsets in its retail outlets.

**Total Number of Compliant and Non-Compliant Phones Offered:**

Lone Star does not presently offer handsets for sale.

**Information Regarding Differences in Handset Offerings Among Regions in Service Areas (For Service Providers Only):**

Lone Star does not have its own subscribers nor does it presently offer handsets for sale.

**Efforts to Incorporate Hearing Aid-Compatibility into Newer Models:**

Lone Star intends to initiate a CDMA-based service in the near future. Lone Star

will focus its efforts on obtaining the HAC CDMA handset models from its third party vendors. Lone Star understands that when it provides CDMA service to its own subscribers, it will comply with the Commission's HAC requirements.

**Activities Related to ANSI C63.19 or other Standards of Work:**

Lone Star will continue to keep abreast of developments in hearing aid-compatible handsets through third party vendors, review of manufacturers' publicly available documents, and consultation with its counsel.

**Ongoing Efforts for Interoperability Testing with Hearing Aids:**

Due to its status as a small carrier, Lone Star is reliant upon handset manufacturers and industry standards groups to work towards a standard for interoperability testing as well as to conduct such tests.

**Product Labeling Information:**

Once Lone Star begins offering its subscribers with new handsets through its retail cellular stores, Lone Star understands and will comply with the Commission's requirement that service providers ensure that information concerning hearing aid-compatible handsets, and more particularly a handset's U-Rating, is made visible to its subscribers.

**Outreach Efforts:**

As CDMA subscribers are signed-up, Lone Star plans to educate them on the HAC handsets that will be offered through the following efforts:

- Lone Star will supply its retail staff with informational materials concerning the compliant handsets and accessories;
- Lone Star will provide literature concerning compliant handsets and accessories and make it available at Lone Star's retail stores; and
- Lone Star will revise its web site to make available hearing aid-compatible related information relating to the handsets offered.